[Shri Jaswant Singh]

come into existence between the pre-1973 and post-1973 pensioners which will continue, in fact to widen unless the judgement of the Supreme Court given on 14-1-1988 is fully implemented. Now, here again the judgement has made a distinction between the awara of the gratuity and the award of the pensions. So far as gratuity is involved, the Supreme Court has held that is not payable at enhanced rates. However, even the Union of India which is the appellant has not questioned the order of Central Administrative Tribunal in so far its liability to pay the pension in accoraance with the judgement of the Tribunal itself is concerned. Now, various questions arise. The first, of course is why the Union of India found it necessary to go into appeal aganist a Tribunal which has been established for adjudicating cases like pensions etc., with a view to expeditiously dispose of matters concerned with the pay and allowances of all the Central services inclusive of the Armed Forces. That is the first question as to why the Union of India found it necessary to go into appeal at all.

Secondly, thereafter when the Union of India has itself not questioned the Administrative Tribunal's order in so far as it relates to the pension component, then, why has that not been implemented?

Thirdly, Sir, this discrepancy of service pension of ex-servicemen of 1973, 1979, etc.; is causing a great deal of discontentment. In one of the villages, that is, in my home district; there are three retired Subedar Majors honorary Captains of the very same battalion of the Rajputana Rifles. They have retired at successive stages. One of them is receiving Rs. 119 per month as pension. Another because he has retired subsequently at the same rank younger in years received Rs. 173 per month as pension and the third one is receiving Rs. 253 per month as pension. The same battalion, the same village, the same rank but three different kinds of pensions. Now this is an anomally which must be eradicated. To the Defence Ministry, we have made recommendations by the High Level Committee for Ex-Servicemen that the principle of one rank and one pension must be implemented. Unless this is done, we would be causing a grave discontent in the minds and morale of ex-servicemen. Today's serving personnel must realise that they are going to be tomorrow's ex-servicemen.

THE RAJGHAT SAMADHI (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1988

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Rajghat Samadhi Act, 1951.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

THE AUTHORISED TRANSLATIONS (CENTRAL LAWS) AMENDMENT BILL, 1988

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): Sir, I beg to move:

"That the following amendments maae by the Lok Sabha in the Authorised Translations (Central Laws) Amendment Bill, 1987, be taken into consideration, namely:—

Enacting Formula

(1) That at page 1, line 1, — for 'Thirty-eighth' substitute 'Thirty-ninth'.